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## Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Michael D Meucci

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/15/01.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 1 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is unclear to the examiner whether the applicant meant to specify "control and monitor" or "control or monitor" on lines 8-9 and line 12 of the claim. Correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claim 1 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Venkatraman et al. (EP 0 838 768 A2) hereinafter referred to as Venkatraman.

Venkatraman teaches: an Internet browser connectable to an extranet (abstract and lines 24-29 of page 2); an extranet located external to said home environment and accessible via said Internet browser (abstract and lines 24-29 of page 2); a communications server located in said extranet and adapted to interconnect on demand with one of a series of connection gateways located in predetermined home

environments (lines 38-43 of page 2, lines 37-40 of page 4, and item 30 in Fig. 2); a connection gateway located in said home environment adapted to control and/or monitor the operation of at least one security device in said home environment (lines 15-18 of page 4, lines 30-33 of page 4, lines 37-40 of page 4, and item 30 in Fig. 2); wherein upon accessing a predetermined address by said Internet browser on said extranet, said communications server connects to a predetermined one of said connection gateways to control and/or monitor the operation of said security device (lines 14-24 of page 3 and lines 6-12 of page 5).

### ***Conclusion***

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Cohn (U.S. 4,370,675) discloses doorbell actuated television security system.

Humphries et al. (U.S. 5,621,662) discloses home automation system.

Peters (U.S. 5,717,379) discloses remote monitoring system.

Camaisa et al. (U.S. 5,784,564) discloses closed browser for computer and computer network.

Chang et al. (U.S. 5,958,016) discloses internet-web link for access to intelligent network service control.

Bhatia et al. (U.S. 6,023,724) discloses apparatus for an ISDN LAN modem that displays fault information to local host through interception of host DNS request messages.

Ginn (U.S. 6,052,723) discloses method for aggregate control on an electronic network.

Orchier et al. (U.S. 6,070,244) discloses computer network security management system.

Kaplan et al. (U.S. 6,141,339) discloses telecommunications system.

Jong et al. (U.S. 6,192,403 B1) discloses method for adaptive monitor and support system.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Meucci at (571) 272-3892. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Harvey, can be reached at (571) 272-3896. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [michael.meucci@uspto.gov].

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in the Official Gazette of the Patent and Trademark on February 25, 1997 at 1195 OG 89.

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